

REMARKS

This response is being filed to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 27, 2004. Applicant believes that Claims 1-26 and 37-44 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's attorney at 206.695.1728.

Respectfully submitted,

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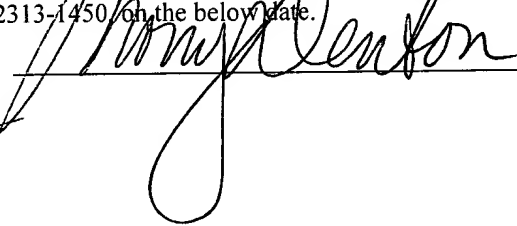


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